

# 2021 College Readiness Reports

## Results and key takeaways

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# WHAT IS THE READINESS REPORT?

- ▶ The annual College Readiness Reports provide information about Indiana students' **college preparation, access and performance** through four lenses: statewide, county, corporation and school
- ▶ **What you can find in the reports:**
  - ▶ Breakdown of high school grads who go to college within one year
  - ▶ Public, private, in-state, out-of-state
  - ▶ Enrollment by degree type, program type and status (full- and part-time)
  - ▶ Academic performance and success metrics: Remediation, GPA and credits number of credits earned, persistence, completing attempted coursework

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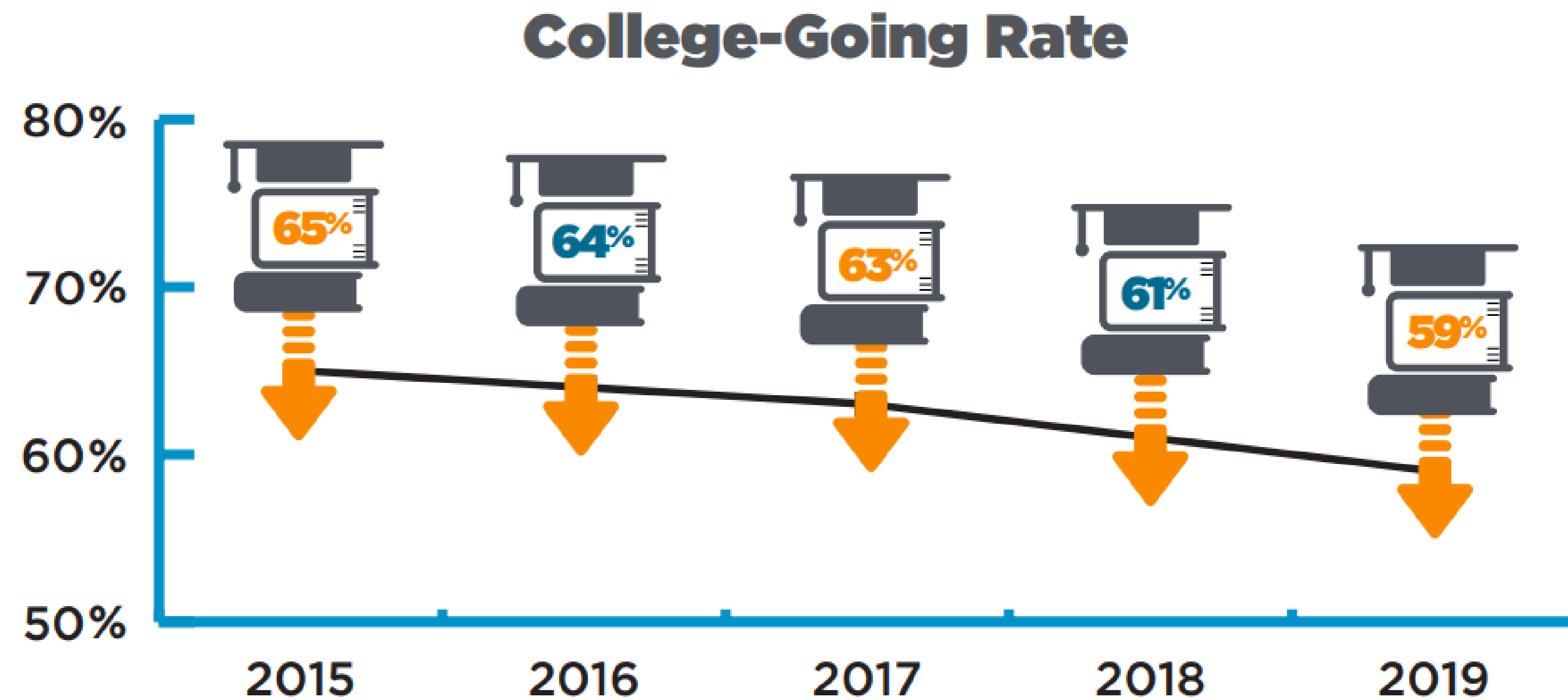
# KEY TAKEAWAYS



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# COLLEGE-GOING RATE: 59%

College-going rates have decreased over time.



- ▶ Indiana's college-going rate is under 60% for the first time since 2009
- ▶ Dropped 6 percentage points in five years
- ▶ 2019 data; doesn't show the impact of COVID-19

# 21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS IMPROVE

- ▶ Only group to improve in 2019 data
- ▶ Increased college-going rates by 2 percentage points
- ▶ Almost 2.5 times more likely to go to college as their low-income, non-Scholar peers
- ▶ Nearly 25 percentage points higher college-going rate than their higher-income peers

21st Century  
Scholars

**88%**

Non-Scholar,  
low-income  
students

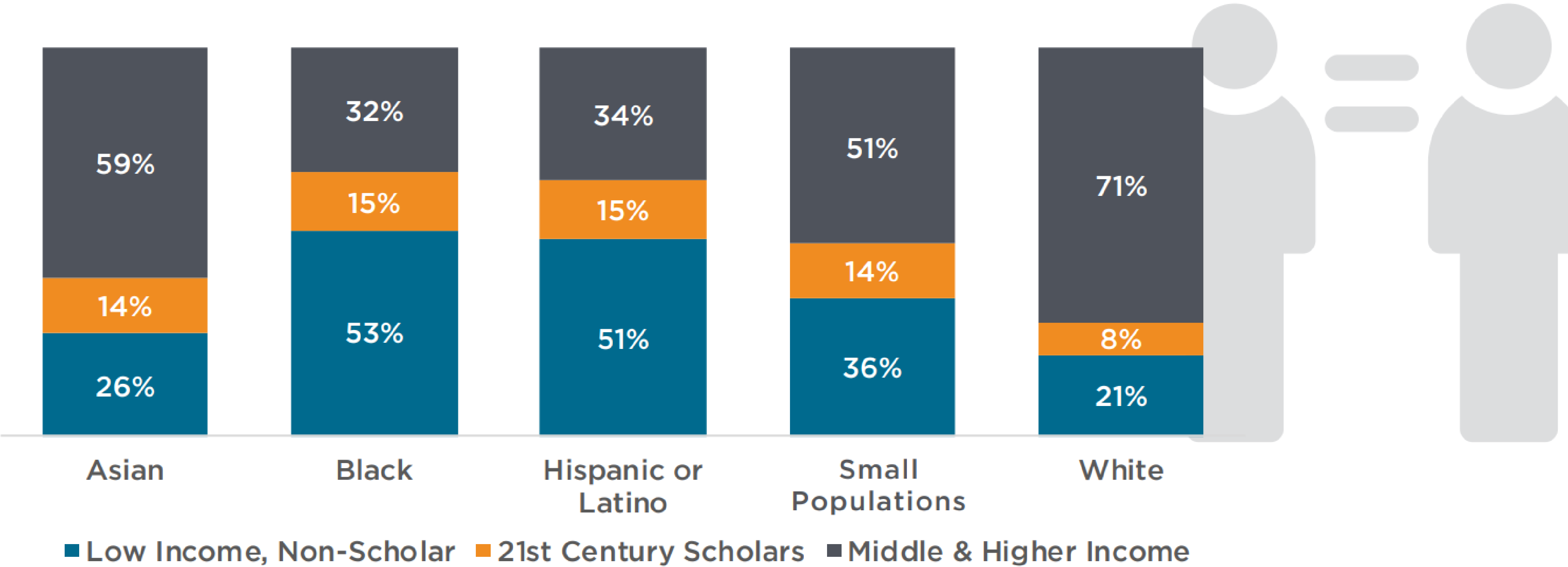
**35%**

Higher-income  
students

**64%**

# EQUITY AND ACCESS

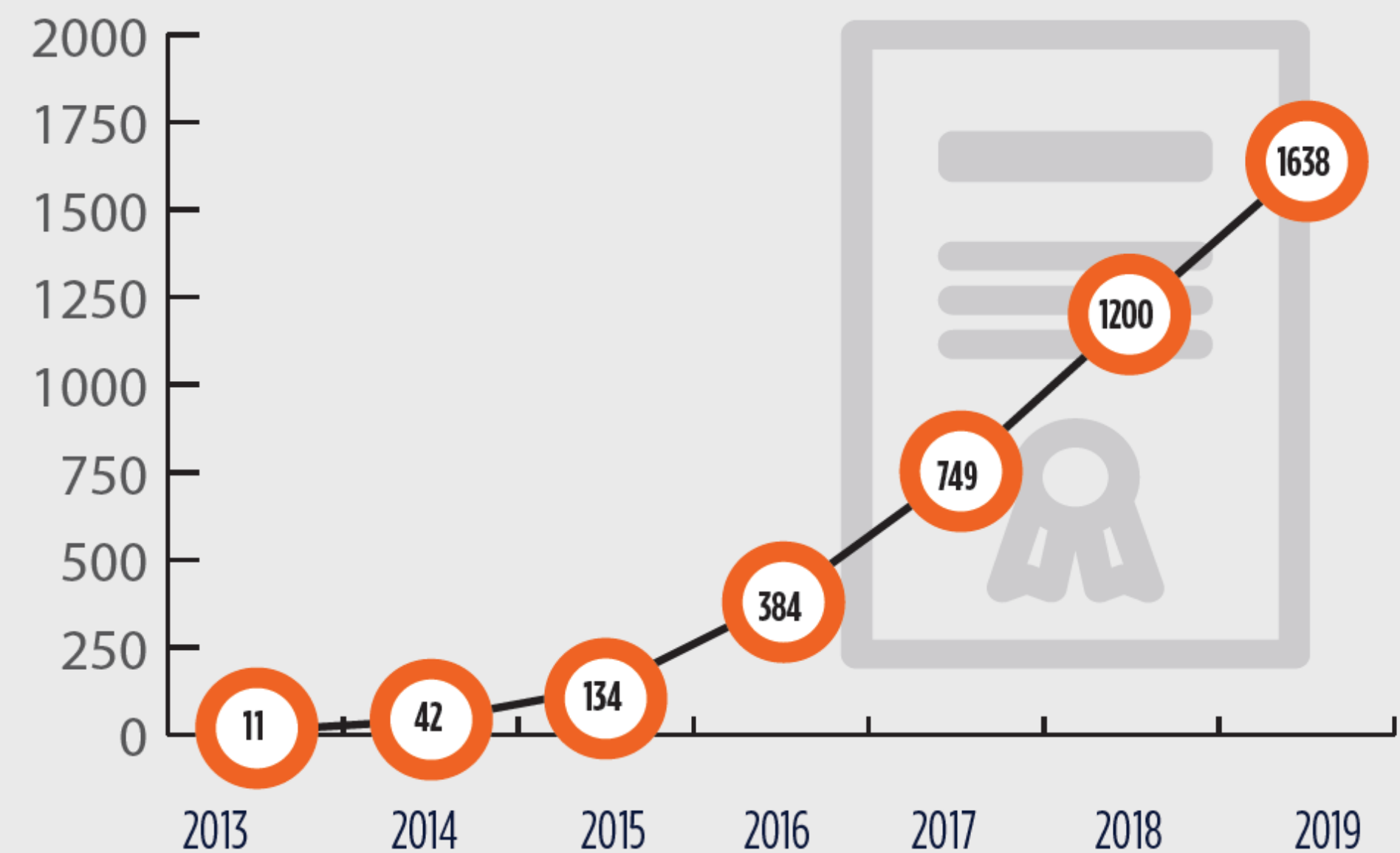
High School Graduates by Race/Ethnicity and Socioeconomic Status (2019)



# INDIANA COLLEGE CORE

- ▶ Indiana College Core is a 30-hour block of general education credit
- ▶ 1,638 students earned the Core in 2019
- ▶ Goal: encourage more students to take intentional dual credit and leave high school with this in hand
- ▶ 1 in 5 schools offer the Core

## More high school students are earning the Indiana College Core.





# CONCERN: INCREASE IN GRAD WAIVERS

- ▶ **Nearly 1 in 8** high school graduates in 2019 graduated with a high school waiver diploma
- ▶ Highest number in at least 15 years: 12.4% of the class of 2019 graduated with a waiver
- ▶ Race and ethnicity: 25% of Black Hoosier high school graduates graduated with a waiver
- ▶ Socioeconomic status: 19% Free and reduced lunch students awarded a waiver

## COLLEGE-GOING RATES



of students in 2019  
who graduated without  
a high school waiver  
enrolled in college



of students in 2019  
who graduated with  
a high school waiver  
enrolled in college



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# STATE AGGREGATE DATA

[ONLINE DASHBOARD](#)



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# COLLEGE-GOING AND COLLEGE TYPE

- ▶ Find college-going numbers and percentages for:
  - ▶ High school diploma type and graduation waiver status
  - ▶ Advanced Placement status and Dual Credit status
  - ▶ 21st Century Scholar Status and socioeconomic status
  - ▶ Race and ethnicity

**Over half – 51.4% of high school graduates stay in Indiana overall. Nearly 43% attend Indiana public colleges and less than 10% attend private Indiana colleges, both non-profit and for-profit.**

# INDIANA PUBLIC COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

- ▶ **Page 11** offers a breakdown of college-going rates by: public institution, degree type, program type, and student status (full- or part-time)
- ▶ Of 2019 high school graduates:
  - ▶ 70% sought a bachelor's degree; and 25% sought an associate degree; shorter-term credentials more than doubled between 2018 and 2019
  - ▶ STEM degree: 23%; Health degree: 17%; Business & Communication: 16%; Arts & Humanities: 15%; trades and social/behavioral sciences increased slightly between 2018-19
  - ▶ 85% are full-time students

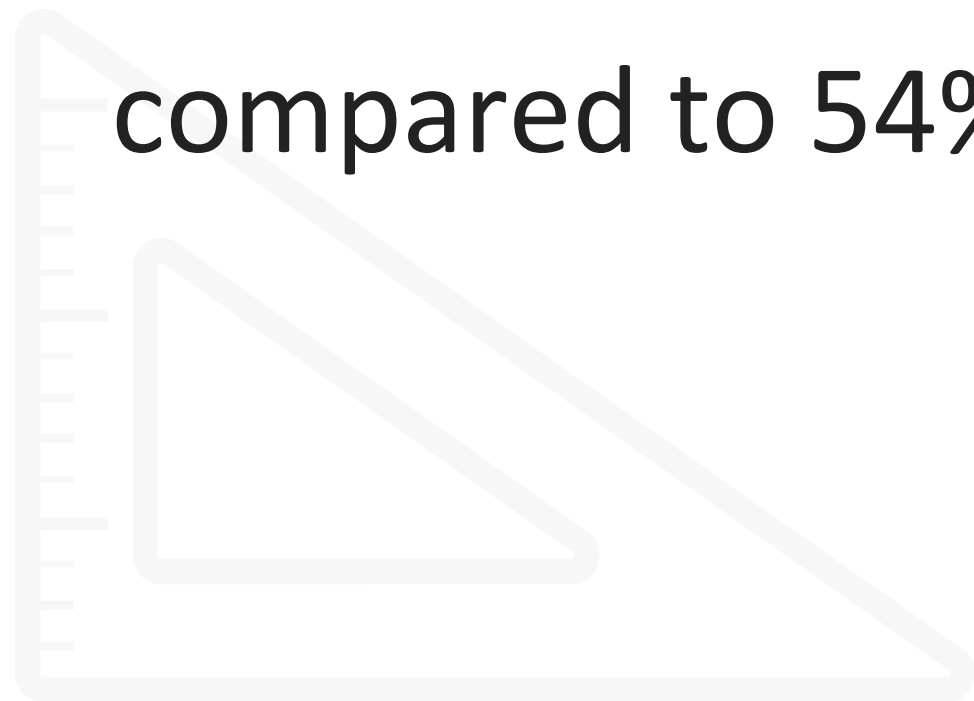
# ACADEMIC PREPARATION

- ▶ **Page 12** focuses on students' academic preparation
- ▶ **Remediation** remains at an all-time low of 9% of students needing remediation:
  - ▶ **Math only:** 6% required remediation
  - ▶ **English/Language Arts only:** 2% required remediation
  - ▶ **Math and English/Language Arts:** 1% required remediation



# STUDENT PERFORMANCE

- ▶ **Page 13** shows Indiana's average freshman GPA has increased statewide, to 2.9 in 2019 (compared to 2.7 in 2018 and 2.6 in 2017)
- ▶ Students are earning more credit hours during their freshman year overall: 22.53 (compared to 22.31 in 2018)
- ▶ Student persistence is up to 76% (2018, compared to 75% in 2017)
- ▶ Percent of students completing all credits attempted increased to 55% (2018, compared to 54% in 2017)



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# RECOMMENDATIONS



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- ▶ Help Hoosiers find the right fit
- ▶ Close college-going equity and achievement gaps
- ▶ Provide stronger data for schools, policymakers, students and families
- ▶ Encourage transparency at the high school level about where students can earn early college credit
- ▶ Strengthen the educator pipeline to increase academic preparation and college success
- ▶ Increase FAFSA filing rates in Indiana, particularly for low-income students





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